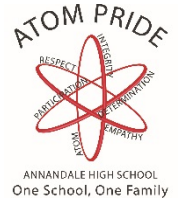




ANNANDALE HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

Sixteen-Time Virginia Honor Band



AHS Bands Weekly Update – 10/23/2017

Hello Annandale Band Families,

Director's notes:

Thank you to all who attended the Fall Concert last week. I hope everyone was able to enjoy our second and final weekend off from marching band events. It is an exciting time as we enter the final two weeks of the marching season. This week features our Rising Atom Night at Friday's home football game where we welcome 8th grade band students who will be Atoms next year. Saturday is our fall parade day; we will be marching the Annandale Fall Parade as well as lead the Chapel Square neighborhood parade and perform at the Sprague Center.

Kudos

Congratulations to Angel E. who was officially welcomed into the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band before the Fall Concert last week. Also kudos to all who performed on our fall concert as well as members of the Annandale Chorus who had a wonderful performance on Thursday.

Music Checks

This week's music check for the Marching will be held on Thursday. The music check includes *Atoms Fanfare*, *The Star Spangled Banner*, and the *Hey Song*.

Annandale Fall Parades

On Saturday, October 28, the Marching Atoms will perform in the Annandale Fall Festival Parade. Students have traditionally dressed up by section for this parade in recent years. This should not be something that costs a lot of money, but more creative costuming! Report time is 8:30 a.m. on Saturday to AHS. We will march in the Annandale Fall Parade, which steps off at 10 a.m. At the conclusion of the Fall Festival Parade, we will travel by school bus to the Wakefield Chapel neighborhood where we lead their Halloween parade then perform for them at the Sprague Center. I anticipate being back to AHS by 1-1:15 and a 1:30 p.m. dismissal.

VBODA State Assessment

On Saturday, November 4th, the Marching Atoms will have our final performance of the season at the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association State Marching Band Assessment. The schedule for the day is attached. This is our summative assessment for the season and it is critical that we have everyone in attendance. Parents, please attend this performance! The students perform better when there is a big crowd cheering them on. We perform at Liberty High School in Bealeton at 12 noon.

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Social Media

We're on Instagram (@AHSatomsBand)! We have 477 "likes" on our Facebook page and 228 followers on Twitter (@AHSatomsBand)! Have you followed us yet? Links to our pages are on our website, www.annandalebands.org "Like" us today!

This week's schedule:

Monday – Off – Band room closed after school

Tuesday – Marching Atoms Rehearsal – 3:30 – 6 p.m.

Wednesday – Marching Atoms Rehearsal – 3:45 – 6:45

Thursday – Marching Atoms Rehearsal – 3:30 – 6 p.m.

Friday – Home Football vs. Hayfield S.S. – *Rising Atom Night* – 5 p.m. report

Saturday – Annandale Fall Parades – 8:30 a.m. report; 1:30 p.m. Dismissal

On the horizon:

November 3 – Home Football vs. T.C. Williams H.S. – *Senior Night*

November 4 – VBODA State Marching Band Assessment @ Liberty H.S. in Bealeton

November 18 – Marching Atoms end-of-season bowling party

Thank you, always, for your support.

Go Atoms!

-Joseph Witkowski

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MARCHING ATOMS

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MARCHING BAND

VBODA STATE ASSESSMENT – LIBERTY H.S., BEALETON, VA
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

- 08:00 AM STAFF, EQUIPMENT CREW, FRONT ENSEMBLE, AND LEADERSHIP REPORT
-LOAD EQUIPMENT AT SHED
- 08:15 AM **BAND REPORT – BAND ROOM**
[DRESS: BLACK A-BAND TEE, RED BAND SHORTS, BLACK MARCHING SHOES. SUPPLEMENT WITH WARMER AHS SPIRIT WEAR IF WARRANTED BY COOLER WEATHER]
-GUARD ARRIVE WITH HAIR DONE
- 08:25 SENIOR SPEECHES – BAND ROOM
- 08:45 LOAD BUSES
[TALL BLACK SOCKS AND BLACK MARCHING SHOES REQUIRED TO BOARD BUS
BLACK A-BAND TEE, RED BAND SHORTS, AHS SPIRIT WEAR ON BUSES]
- 09:00 DEPART AHS FOR LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL
- 10:15 ARRIVE AT LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL
-UNLOAD EQUIPMENT
-USE RESTROOM
-GET DRESSED BY 10:40! [UNIFORM CHECKLIST: BLACK A-BAND TEE, RED BAND SHORTS, JACKET, TROUSERS, SHAKO, GLOVES, TALL BLACK SOCKS]
- 10:45 REPORT TO PRE-WARM UP
-STRETCH OUT, BREATHING EXERCISES
- 11:15 OFFICIAL WARM UP
- 12:00 PERFORM AT VBODA STATE MARCHING BAND ASSESSMENT!
-STAY AT STADIUM TO WATCH FINAL BAND IN OUR BLOCK AND AWAIT RATING
- 12:35 ANNOUNCEMENT OF RATINGS
- 12:50 LOAD EQUIPMENT
-CHANGE INTO AHS SPIRIT WEAR
-BRING \$ FOR CONCESSIONS OR PACK ANY ADDITIONAL SNACKS YOU'D LIKE
- 13:00 FREE TIME TO WATCH BANDS AND VISIT CONCESSIONS
- 14:00 DEPART FOR ANNANDALE
- 15:15 PM(APPROX.) ARRIVE AT AHS
-PUT AWAY INSTRUMENTS AND UNIFORMS
- 15:30 PM(APPROX.) DISMISSAL